(d) The details of AIDS afflicted women caste-wise are not maintained. However, the total number of AIDS patients including men and women in the State of Madhya Pradesh as on 28.2.2002 is 759. Government has launched a comprehensive AIDS prevention and control programme, which is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme being implemented in all States / UTs including Madhya Pradesh through States / UTs AIDS Control Societies. The main components of the Programme consist of:

(i) reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing counselling, condom promotion, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections;

(ii) preventive intervention for the general population by information, education and communication (IEC) and awareness campaign, provision of voluntary testing and counselling, sale blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure;

(iii) providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community based care;

(iv) strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial financial sustainability at national, state and municipal levels;

(v) promoting collaboration amongst public, private and coluntary sector.

Stay on education policy

2142. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has stayed the new education policy of Government;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has also stalled the NCERT syllabus because of Government's failure to consult the Central Advisory Board on Education; if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the existing work on syllabus revision and printing of books would come to a halt;

(d) if so, the impact of such a situation of the education scene in the country as a whole; and

(e) the reasons for not consulting the CABE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) Government is following the Education Policy 1986 on which no stay order has been passed by the Supreme Court. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has passed an interim order on 01/03/2002 staying the implementation of the new curriculum framework. The counter affidavit on behalf of Union of India praying to the Hon'ble Court to dismiss the writ petition and vacate interim stay order has since been field. The next date of hearing of the matter has been fixed on 22/03/ 2002. The NCERT curriculum has been prepared after extensive consultation. However, CABE was not consulted as it had not been re-constituted since 1994. The impact of the Supreme Court order on syllabus revision, printing of books and education scene would be clear after the final orders on the subject are received.

Irregularities in purchases in KV, Bhopal

2143. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 243, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether KVS has since examined the irregularities pointed out by CBI in respect of purchases in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the details of action initiated against those responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Growth of Education

2144. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth of education in India at the primary level, has not been very spectacular;

(b) whether growth at the secondary level has been even more erratic;